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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
International Application of
LEWIS, David Malcolm et al.
Int'l. Application No. PCT/US00/26974
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Entitled: *Reactive Dye Compounds*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.112

Assistance Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U. S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

2. A reactive dye compound according to Claim 1 wherein Y is derived from a phosphonate.
3. A reactive dye compound according to Claim 1 wherein Y is -O-
(PO)(OH)C(CH₃)(OH)(PO)(OH)₂.
4. A reactive dye compound according to Claim 1 wherein the nitrogen-containing heterocycle is selected from triazine, pyrimidine, quinoxaline, phthalazine, pyridazine and pyrazine.

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